WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR 9th AUGUST, 1993*

Unemployed Persons in the Country

*181. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons in the country during the year 1992-93, stating rural and urban unemployed separately;

(b) whether the number of unemployed is likely to rise in the current year;

(c) the schemes undertaken by Government in the years 1992-93 and so far during 1993-94 to provide relief to the unemployed; and

(d) what steps are being taken to provide employment to all the eligible persons by the end of 2000 AD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The number of unemployed persons as on April 1, 1992 is estimated to be about 17 million. Separate estimates for rural and urban areas have not been made. No estimates have been made of the rise in the number of unemployed persons during the current year, i.e. 1993-94.

Special Employment Programmes in operation during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 include Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Scheme for Self Employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY). The goal of near full employment by 2002 AD is sought to be achieved on the basis of an employment—oriented growth strategy as detailed in the Eighth Plan and its continuation during the subsequent five year period.

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on 9th August, 1993 was cancelled on account of Quit India Movement Celebrations. Answers to questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on 10th August, 1993.

Development of North Eastern Region

*182. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical analysis of the development of the North-Eastern region in the country to know how far the various developmental programmes taken up have been implemented and the areas where the development of the region is inadequate;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the Central allocation for the development of the North-Eastern region and how far the allocation has fallen short of the commitment, stating the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The implementation and monitoring of various development programmes of the Seven States in the North Eastern Region is the primary responsibilities of the concerned State Governments. Various development programmes of these States are subjected to general reviews during annual plan discussions held in the Planning Commission and on other occasions through visits and discussions in the States. Development is a continuous and dynamic process and any inadequacies observed in the implementation of the growth process, are taken care of through various corrective measures taken by the concerned State Governments from time to time.

(c) The allocation of Central assistance for state plans of Seven States in the North Eastern Region during 1993-94 amounted to Rs. 2331.98 crores. There is no shortfall in the commitment relating to allocation of funds.